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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION AT UNGA

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1. WE WERE PLEASED TO LEARN THAT ROK AMBASSADOR ACCREDITED TO EL SALVADOR BUT RESIDENT IN MEXICO CALLED ON PRESIDENT MOLINA AND FOREIGN MINISTER BORGONOVO, AUGUST 29, TO PRESENT ROK VIEWS ON KOREAN QUESTION AT THE FORTHCOMING UNGA. ROK EMBASSY'S COUNSELOR LO, WHO ACCOMPANIED HIS AMBASSADOR, SUBSEQUENTLY VISITED DCM TO REVIEW PROGRESS OF VISIT. HE INDICATED THAT GOES HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO SUPPORT ROK POSITION BUT HAD ASKED THEM FOR AN AIDE MEMOIRE ON THE SUBJECT. HE PROMISED TO FORWARD ONE AND AFTER NOTING DIFFICULTY ROK EMBASSY IN MEXICO HAS HAD WITH CORRESPONDENCE TO EL SALVADOR, WE SUGGESTED THAT OUR EMBASSY IN MEXICO WOULD PROBABLY BE WILLING TO POUCH A COPY TO US FOR TRANSMIT TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE IF HE SO DESIRED. LO SAID THAT HE AND THE ROK AMBASSADOR WOULD RETURN TO GUATEMALA AND HONDURAS NEXT

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WEEK TO SEEK THEIR SUPPORT; WE NOTED IMPORTANCE OF GUATEMALAN

BACKING VIS-A-VIS OTHER CENTRAL AMERICANS. WE WILL FOLLOW-UP ROK DEMARCHE TO GOES WITH OUR APPROACH TO FOREIGN OFFICE PER REFS A AND C. THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TOLD US YESTERDAY THAT HE, TOO, WILL RAISE MATTER WITH FONOF TO SOLICIT SUPPORT FOR ROK POSITION.

2. INCIDENTALLY, LO SAID THAT IN CONVERSATION WITH MOLINA, THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED CONTINUING INTEREST IN VISITING TAIWAN, JAPAN, AND PERHAPS SOUTH KOREA AS WELL IN 1974. FOREIGN MINISTER BORGONOVO IS EVIDENTALLY ALSO CONSIDERING A TRIP TO ASIA, PERHAPS AFTER THE UNGA MEETING IN SEPTEMBER. CATTO

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